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SUBJ: MALMGREN'S PRESENTATION TO DANISH OFFICIALS ON ARTICLE

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24:6

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BEGIN SUMMARY: DANES EXPRESSED SYMPATHY FOR US POSITION ON ARTICLE 24:6 AND SAID THEY WILL DO ALL THEY CAN TO HELP. HOWEVER, THEY WERE DISTRESSED BY PROSPECT OF ADDITIONAL HARD FIGHTING WITHIN EC ON THIS ISSUE AND WONDERED WHETHER ANYONE WOULD BENEFIT FROM FURTHER ACRIMONY WHATEVER THE RESULTS. THEY FEARED LONGER RANGE ADVERSE IMPACT ON GENERAL ATMOSPHERE, INTRA-EC RELATIONS AND MTN. SINCE FRENCH ARE PRINCIPAL OBSTACLE TO REASONABLE AGREEMENT, THEY WONDERED WHETHER DIRECT TALK BETWEEN SECRETARY AND JOBERT, PERHAPS AT ENERGY CONFERENCE IF JOBERT ATTENDS, MIGHT NOT BE BEST WAY TO BREAK OUT OF IMPASSE.

END SUMMARY.

1. IN MEETINGS WITH FONOFF UNDER SECRETARY FOR ECONMIC AFFAIRS, JENS CHRISTENSEN, HIS DEPUTY, FLEMMING AGERUP, AND OTHER FONOFF OFFICIALS, AMBASSADOR MALMGREN PRESENTED US POSITION ON ARTICLE 24:6 ALONG

LINES TAKEN IN OTHER EC CAPITALS HE RECENTLY VISITED. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF DANISH VIEWS AS GIVEN US AT THESE MEETINGS.

2. CHRISTENSEN ASSURED US THAT DANISH POSITION ON ARTICLE 24:6 REMAINS UNCHANGED AND THAT DENMARK WOULD LIKE TO HELP US OBTAIN FAIR COMPENSATION. BUT, IN NOTING DIFFICULTIES OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS IN CONTEXT OF INTERNAL EC PROBLEMS ("WE ARE FACING CRISIS"), HE WARNED THAT US MUST DECIDE IF IT IS SERIOUS ABOUT MTN AND OTHER MULTILATERAL COOPERATIVE EFFORTS. IF SO, HE SUGGESTED WE NOT PRESS ARTICLE 24:6 TOO HARD. ON OTHER HAND, HE THOUGHT THAT IF US IS DOUBTFUL ABOUT FUTURE OF US TRADE BILL AND WANTS EXCUSE TO COVER RETREAT, PRESSING 24:6 HARD IS OBVIOUSLY GOOD TACTIC.

3. AGERUP, IN SEPARATE MEETING INCLUDING OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF, GENERALLY SYMPATHIZED WITH US POSITION BUT NOTED ISSUE WAS COMMUNITY MATTER ON WHICH DENMARK OBVIOUSLY COULD NOT NEGOTIATE SEPARATELY. BEING ACUTELY AWARE OF TERRIBLY PAINFUL PROCESS 24:6 NEGOTIATIONS HAVE INVOLVED (WHILE CHAIRMAN PREVIOUS SIX MONTHS OF 113 COMMITTEE), HE WAS RELUCTANT TO GO BACK TO THAT BATTLEFRONT. HE THOUGHT FRENCH WOULD BE DUG IN, ALTHOUGH MAY GIVE A FEW MILLIMETERS IN THE END. WHATEVER MIGHT BE OBTAINED

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WOULD BE AT HIGH COST TO EC BOTH IN TIME AND INTERNAL RELATIONS. HE WAS ALSO SURPRISED THAT WE WOULD WANT TO PRESS 24:6 IN LIGHT OF CURRENCY AND ENERGY SITUATIONS. (IN A PRIVATE ASIDE ON WHICH HE ASKED NOT TO BE QUOTED, HE TOLD MALMGREN THAT HE HAD THOUGHT US MIGHT WANT TO RELATE THIS ISSUE TO DEFENSE PURCHASES, OFFSETS, ETC; TO OPEN UP POSSIBILITIES OF TRADEOFFS.)

4. AGERUP THOUGHT THAT 113 COMMITTEE, IN FEBRUARY 4 OR 5 MEETING, WOULD QUICKLY RUN INTO QUESTION OF WHETHER IMPROVEMENT OF ITS DECEMBER OFFER IS JUSTIFIED. THIS QUESTION IS CERTAIN TO BE TAKEN

TO COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, PROBABLY EARLY MARCH, BEFORE
REAL DISCUSSION IS POSSIBLE. HE FELT THAT,
UNLESS FRENCH THROW IN TOWEL, ANY CLEAR AGREEMENT OR DISAGREEMENT BY
THIS SPRING IS VERY UNLIKELY. HE SUGGESTED WE UNDERSTAND THIS IN
OUR PLANNING. AMBASSADOR MALMGREN COMMENTED THAT QUESTION IS ONE
OF POLITICAL WILL AND POLITICIANS WILL HAVE TO OPEN THE DOOR AND
PROVIDE INSTRUCTIONS TO "STOP THE NONSENSE".

5. AGERUP FELT THAT ULTIMATELY WHOLE ISSUE FOR EC IS
POLITICAL ATTITUDE OF FRENCH ON 24:6; NOT PARLIAMENTS OR PRESSURE
GROUPS IN COMMUNITY. HE EXPECTED VERY HOT DISCUSSIONS IN COUNCIL
ON IT. REFERRING BACK TO NOVEMBER DISCUSSION BETWEEN FORMER FONECON
MINNORGAARD AND AMBASSADOR GREENWALD (REFTEL), AGERUP SAID HE STILL
FELT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER TORAISE ISSUE WITH
FRENCH FONMIN JOBERT, PERHAPS DURING ENERGY CONFERENCE IF LATTER
ATTENDS, IN EFFORT TO OBTAIN BREAKTHROUGH.

6. AGERUP NOTED THAT DENMARK HAD SOME PROBLEMS WITH US REQUEST LIST
BUT ONLY ONE OF ANY SERIOUSNESS IS APPLES DURING OCTOBER-DECEMBER
PERIOD. PRIVATE INTEREST GROUPS HAVE SO FAR BEEN CONTROLLED, BUT
HE FEARED THAT, OTHER COUNTRIES START PILING UP RESERVATIONS,
DENMARKMIGHT FEEL OBLIGATED TO DO LIKEWISE ON APPLES.

7. IN CONCLUSION, AGERUP SAID HE PARTICULARLY APPRCIATED AMBASSADOR
MALMGREN'S ACCOUNTING OF POLITICAL INTERPLAY ON 24:6 IN WASHINGTON
AND SAID IT WOULD BE VERY USEFUL TO CONTINUE TO RECEIVE UPDATINGS
ON WASHINGTON POLITICAL SCENE REGARDING THIS ISSUE, E.G. WHO REALLY
CARES, WHERE PRESSURES COME FROM, AND RELATIONS TO TRADE BILL
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